

EVAPORATIVE EMISSIONS CANISTER ASSEMBLY AND APPARATUS

ABSTRACT

A device and a method for maintaining composite materials substantially
5 separate within a chamber is shown, which includes, for example, a device for
capturing and storing evaporative emissions. The chamber is inside a housing, and
contains first and second composite materials. A partition is inserted between the
first and second composite materials, and is operable to move within the chamber
while maintaining the first composite material substantially separate from the
10 second composite material. The partition permits fluid communication between the
first composite material and the second composite material. It also facilitates
maintaining composite materials under compression with intent of maintaining
evaporative emissions performance over the useful life of the device. This permits
use of a common canister package for multiple applications that have varying
15 inputs or varying regulatory requirements.